



The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman DeFazio:

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The Honorable Antonio Delgado House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bernice Johnson:

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The Honorable Linda T. Sánchez House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ann McLane Kuster House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jesús G. "Chuy" García House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Raul Ruiz, M.D. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Christopher H. Smith House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tim Ryan House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ayanna Pressley House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Deb Haaland House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Nita M. Lowery House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Salud Carbajal House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Kathy Castor House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mike Quigley House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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